

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 7 are pending, with Claim 1 being independent. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 5 through 7 have been added. The Abstract has been amended. Applicant wishes to direct the Examiner's attention to, e.g., paragraph [0055] of the specification. Of course, the claims are not limited to the disclosed embodiments.

Claims 1 through 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 5,806,005 (Hull, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,300,976 B1 (Fukuoka, et al.), both newly-cited. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, that the display unit displays that a recording medium for the taken images has been changed from the first recording medium to the selected external recording device, if the selected external recording device starts recording of the taken images.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Hull, et al. nor Fukuoka, et al., even in the proposed combination, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claim 1.

Applicant further respectfully submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. For example, Claim 6 recites, *inter alia*, determining priority in accordance with the remaining available recording spaces, while Claim 7 recites, *inter alia*, determining priority in accordance with the response times. Applicant respectfully submits that neither cited document, even in the

proposed combination, discloses or suggests at least these features. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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